

# SCORE INTERPRETATION GUIDE FOR PARENTS — KENTUCKY CORE CONTENT TESTS

As part of the Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS), students in the Kentucky public schools participated in the Kentucky Core Content Tests. These tests include multiple choice and open response (essay type) questions for reading and science in grades 4 and 7; writing portfolios and a writing test in grades 4, 7, and 12; multiple choice and open response questions in mathematics, social studies, arts and humanities and practical living/vocational studies in grades 5 and 8. Grade 10 also tests reading and practical living/vocational studies and grade 11 tests mathematics, science, social studies, and arts and humanities. The student's performance is assigned a level of novice, apprentice, proficient or distinguished. The Kentucky Board of Education has set a goal for schools to have the average of all of their students reach the proficient level by the year 2014. The sample report below explains the scores on your child's individual report and will guide you in understanding the results. Combined with other information, such as comments from your child's teachers, grades, other tests and reports, you can get a picture of your child's academic progress. If you have questions about these scores call your child's school or contact the Kentucky Department of Education at (502) 564-3421.

Subjects of the tests your child took last Spring.

Levels are novice, apprentice, proficient and distinguished. Proficient is the goal.

This is the percent of Kentucky students in this grade scoring in each level.

The Kentucky percentile shows the percentage of students in this grade taking this test who scored at or below your child's score.

This graph shows your child's score as the diamond. The line through the diamond indicates the range of scores your child most likely would receive if he/she took the same or a different form or version of the test on another day.



## SPRING 1999 Kentucky Core Content Test Individual Student Report

Name: **NAMENAMENAM, STUDENT**

District: **KENTUCKY SCHOOL DIST**

School: **KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOLXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX** Grade: **11**

Subject	Your Performance Level	Percent of Kentucky Students in each Performance Level				Subject	Your Kentucky Percentile	RANK: Percent of Kentucky Students At or Below Your Scores					
		Novice	Apprentice	Proficient	Distinguished			1	10	25	50	75	90
Mathematics	Apprentice	32	42	17	10	Mathematics	69						
Science	Apprentice	8	80	12	2	Science	68						
Social Studies	Apprentice	24	47	25	1	Social Studies	33						

The percent of Kentucky students across performance levels for each subject may not add to 100% due to rounding.

You should think about your score(s) as a range. If you had taken the same or a different version of the test on another day, your scores would likely vary. Most of the time, your scores will fall somewhat above or below the percentile rank reported. The bars surrounding the percentile ranks on the graph above represent this range.

### Description of Your Results:

**MATHEMATICS:** Your Performance Level is Apprentice. You scored in the High range of this performance level. Your Kentucky Percentile rank of 69 indicates that 69% of Kentucky students who took this test in spring 1999 scored at or below your score.

**SCIENCE:** Your Performance Level is Apprentice. You scored in the High range of this performance level. Your Kentucky Percentile rank of 68 indicates that 68% of Kentucky students who took this test in spring 1999 scored at or below your score.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** Your Performance Level is Apprentice. You scored in the Low range of this performance level. Your Kentucky Percentile rank of 33 indicates that 33% of Kentucky students who took this test in spring 1999 scored at or below your score.

← This sample description further explains the scores your child received.

**NOTE:** Percentile rank describes your performance relative to that of other Kentucky students in 1999. Because overall student achievement changes from year to year, percentile ranks correlation to different performance levels will change from year to year. Because performance level standards differ across subjects as well, percentile ranks to performance levels will differ across subjects.